

Recent 2016 Region 8 Air Program Highlights

Region 8's air program has made significant progress in improving public health and the environment through better air quality. Although it would take way too long to talk about all the great work you are doing, I want to highlight a few of the significant achievements you've made over the past year.

- Project signature of the proposed Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation federal implementation plan (FIP) by **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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- Final action on the Utah regional haze plan was completed in June and will require the most stringent nitrogen oxides (NO_x) pollution controls at PacifiCorp's Hunter and Huntington power plants. The Region conducted a highly attended public hearing in Salt Lake City and received over 4,500 pages of comments on our proposed action. The final plan will reduce over 9,800 tons per year of NO_x from the environment. Work will continue to respond to pending litigation on regional haze actions in the Region.
- Awarded 3 competitive Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants in the amount of \$1,770,595 for work in Montana, the ozone non-attainment area in Colorado, and the fine particulates (PM_{2.5}) non-attainment areas in Utah. These projects will prevent the emission of 1,227.5 tons of NO_x, 47.4 tons of PM_{2.5}, 42.1 tons of hydrocarbons, 434.6 tons of carbon monoxide, and 27,808 tons of carbon dioxide over the lifetime of the vehicles.
- As Lead Region for OAR, implemented pilot process with regions and HQs to work more efficiently on processing SIP issues, successfully advocated for an increase in regional air program resources, and coordinated agreement among the regions to implement a new allocation formula for state 105 funding. A number of transition activities, some still ongoing, are ensuring a smooth handoff to Region 9.
- Consistent with the state-by-state SIP management plans and Region 8's KPI bid, completed 46 SIP actions of which 32 were backlogged and 11 had consent decree deadlines.

- Successfully negotiated a Settlement Agreement to resolve the question of prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) applicability for projects at the Deseret Power and issued a permit to approve installation of new NO_x controls, which are currently being installed at the plant anticipated to achieve several thousand tons per year of NO_x emission reductions.
- Concurred on 20 exceptional event packages for high winds in Colorado. Worked with the states to prioritize EE packages that have regulatory significance (e.g., events that impact NAAQS design values or approval of maintenance plans). This resulted in 45 packages being moved into a lower priority status and allows for both Region 8 and our states to focus efforts on the packages that have the biggest regulatory impacts.
- In FY16, EPA Region 8 participated in 18 Clean Power Plan outreach events that included stakeholders from industry, environmental organizations, communities, states, tribes, and the general public. We also held a public hearing on the proposed FIP and model rule.
- In FY16, EPA Region 8 completed its climate change adaptation outreach strategy focused on 10 Region 8 communities, and conducted outreach to various stakeholders including other federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, the water sector, Canadian and Australian representatives, and the general public.

Potential Questions for Janet at All Hands

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